GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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EXPENDITURE ON TRANSPORTATION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy expenditure is incurred on transportation of foodgrains to storage godowns and from thereto the distribution centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the foodgrains are also reported to have been lost during transportation and storage;

(d) if so, the total quantity and value of foodgrains so lost during the said period;and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to check such wasteful expenditure and loss of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The expenditure incurred by FCI on transportation of foodgrains during last three years is as under:-

Year	Expenditure (Rs in crores)
2005-06	2644.44
2006-07	3002.12
2007-08	3147.42

(c): Yes.

(d): The quantity and value of foodgrains lost during the last three years is as under:-

Transit Losses

Year	Loss of Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value of loss (Rs in crores)
2005-06	1.51	143.00
2006-07	1.25	130.09
2007-08	1.15	135.79

Storage Losses

Year	Loss of quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value of loss (Rs in crores)

2005-06	1.17	133.87
2006-07	1.36	152.84
2007-08	1.30	163.00

(e): A number of measures have been taken by FCI to reduce the transit and storage losses.The details are given in Annexure.